

**ABSTRACT**

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Multiple bandwidth requestors [(201)](220), a bandwidth manager [(401)](420) and a forward link (410) from the bandwidth manager to the bandwidth requestors are used to allocate bandwidth in a return link beam (210). The uplink bandwidth allocation is preferably based on the information to be transmitted provided by the user [(ADPE)]Automatic Data Processing Equipment (ADPE) (300) and overall system data loading. The preferred method exercised by the bandwidth manager [(401)](420) allocates bandwidth on the return link (210) to individual user terminals [(200)] in either a minimal rate required for the protocol being exercised (213), a committed information rate [(214)] required for the services being requested, or a fair share rate (214) that allows maximum transfer of data from the user terminal [(200)](201) to the gateway (400).